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**Cc:** Singer, Joshua[Singer.Joshua@epa.gov]; Deamer, Eileen[deamer.eileen@epa.gov]; Kelley, Jeff[kelley.jeff@epa.gov]  
**From:** Pendergast, Jim  
**Sent:** Tue 6/24/2014 7:14:34 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative

**From:** Loop, Travis  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 3:03 PM  
**To:** Wester, Barbara; Cassell, Peter; Cannon, Phillippa; Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter; Melgin, Wendy; Holsman, Marianne; Pendergast, Jim  
**Cc:** Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff  
**Subject:** Re: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

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**From:** Wester, Barbara  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 2:57:39 PM  
**To:** Cassell, Peter; Cannon, Phillippa; Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter; Melgin, Wendy  
**Cc:** Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff; Loop, Travis  
**Subject:** RE: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

## Ex. 5 - Attorney Client

**From:** Cassell, Peter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 1:54 PM  
**To:** Cannon, Phillippa; Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter; Melgin, Wendy; Wester, Barbara  
**Cc:** Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff; Loop, Travis  
**Subject:** Re: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

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**From:** Cannon, Phillippa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 1:51:54 PM  
**To:** Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter; Cassell, Peter; Melgin, Wendy; Wester, Barbara  
**Cc:** Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff  
**Subject:** RE: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

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**From:** Rowan, Anne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 1:21 PM  
**To:** Swenson, Peter; Cassell, Peter; Melgin, Wendy; Wester, Barbara  
**Cc:** Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff; Cannon, Phillippa  
**Subject:** Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) --deadline today at 3pm

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**From:** Swenson, Peter

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 1:07 PM

**To:** Cassell, Peter; Melgin, Wendy

**Cc:** Rowan, Anne; Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen

**Subject:** RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c)

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**From:** Cassell, Peter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 10:39 AM  
**To:** Swenson, Peter; Maraldo, Dean  
**Cc:** Rowan, Anne; Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen  
**Subject:** Fw: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c)

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**From:** Ben Meyer <[bmeyer@wjfw.com](mailto:bmeyer@wjfw.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 9:15:57 AM  
**To:** Cassell, Peter  
**Subject:** Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c)

Hi Peter,

Thanks for your help on the phone a moment ago. Attached is the letter sent by the Ojibwe tribes to the EPA asking the agency to use its authority under Section 404(C) of the Clean Water Act to stop mine permitting activities in northern Wisconsin. I did find a fact sheet about 404(C) “veto” authority on the EPA website, but I want to make sure I understand it fully. Specifically, I see that the formal process starts when the EPA Regional Administrator makes the determination to issue a public notice of a Proposed Determination to withdraw, prohibit, deny, or restrict the specification of a defined area for discharge of dredged or fill material. I’m interested in learning *how* the Regional Administrator makes that determination, *what the timeline* for that is, and *what factors* go into making that determination. I’d also like someone to walk me through the “Veto” process if that determination is made.

Moreover, not in their letter, but in anecdotal conversations, Ojibwe leaders have referenced the Pebble Mine in Alaska as a template for the EPA using 404(C) to stop a project. If I could talk to someone with knowledge of that issue, I’d appreciate it.

Ideally, I'd love to do a video Skype or phone interview. My deadline is 3pm today. Please be in touch via email or the phone number below. Thank you for your help!

Best,

Ben

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